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30th JUNE, 1933.

PART XV.

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1. AUSTRALIA.—NUMBER of BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES recorded in each STATE and TERRITORY at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

State or Territory.	Blind.						Deaf and Dumb.					
	Number Recorded.			Number per 100,000.			Number Recorded.			Number per 100,000.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
New South Wales	827	586	1,413	62.7	45.7	54.3	539	443	982	40.9	34.5	37.8
Victoria	577	534	1,111	63.9	58.2	61.0	298	280	578	33.0	30.5	31.8
Queensland..	311	254	565	62.5	56.4	59.6	158	128	286	31.8	28.4	30.2
South Australia	213	175	388	73.2	60.3	66.8	127	134	261	43.6	46.2	44.9
Western Australia	169	80	249	72.2	39.0	56.7	65	52	117	27.8	25.4	26.7
Tasmania	90	79	169	78.2	70.2	74.3	60	41	101	52.1	36.4	44.4
Federal Capital Territory ..	..	1	1	..	24.1	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northern Territory	2	..	2	59.2	..	41.2	..	1	1	..	67.9	20.6
Born in Australia	1,544	1,255	2,799	54.2	43.6	48.9	1,142	1,001	2,143	40.1	34.8	37.4
Born outside Australia ..	645	454	1,099	124.3	118.1	121.7	105	78	183	20.2	20.3	20.3
Australia	2,189	1,709	(a)3,898	65.0	52.4	58.8	1,247	1,079	(a)2,326	37.0	33.1	35.1

(a) Including 19 blind deaf-mutes.

2. AUSTRALIA.—NUMBER of BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES recorded in each STATE and TERRITORY at the Censuses of 1911, 1921 and 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

State or Territory.	Blind.						Deaf and Dumb.					
	1911. (a)		1921.(b)		1933.(c).		1911.(a)		1921.(b)		1933.(c)	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
New South Wales	591	420	630	427	827	586	330	310	396	365	539	443
Victoria	595	507	552	436	577	534	280	255	248	224	298	280
Queensland..	213	170	269	210	311	254	160	97	122	91	158	128
South Australia	192	166	191	142	213	175	134	112	111	112	127	134
Western Australia	85	57	93	62	169	80	40	36	48	41	65	52
Tasmania	78	68	83	58	90	79	54	44	52	42	60	41
Federal Capital Territory ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Northern Territory	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
Australia	1,754	1,388	1,819	1,335	2,189	1,709	998	854	980	875	1,247	1,079

(a) Including 21 blind deaf-mutes. (b) Including 16 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Including 19 blind deaf-mutes.

3. AUSTRALIA.—NUMBER of BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES recorded in URBAN and RURAL Divisions in each State and Territory at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

State or Territory.	Urban.				Rural.(c)		Migratory. (d)		Total.	
	Metropolitan.(a)		Provincial.(b)							
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Blind.										
New South Wales ..	481	353	144	107	202	126	..	..	827	586
Victoria	424	355	19	70	134	109	..	..	577	534
Queensland	162	120	56	48	93	86	..	..	311	254
South Australia ..	167	112	11	13	35	50	..	..	213	175
Western Australia ..	129	52	14	10	25	17	1	1	169	80
Tasmania	36	29	22	27	32	23	..	..	90	79
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Northern Territory ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..
Tropical	..	..	28	21	30	23	..	..	58	44
Non Tropical ..	1,399	1,021	238	255	493	388	1	1	2,131	1,665
Australia.. ..	1,399	1,021	266	276	523	411	1	1	2,189	1,709

(a) Including 10 blind deaf-mutes. (b) Including 3 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Including 6 blind deaf-mutes. (d) Persons on board ships and railway trains.

3. AUSTRALIA.—NUMBER of BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES recorded in URBAN and RURAL Divisions in each State and Territory—*continued.*

State or Territory.	Urban.				Rural.(c)		Migratory.		Total.	
	Metropolitan.(a)		Provincial.(b)							
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Deaf and Dumb.										
New South Wales ..	222	208	112	124	205	111	..	..	539	443
Victoria	196	192	4	19	98	69	..	..	298	280
Queensland	88	87	13	11	57	30	..	..	158	128
South Australia ..	88	97	5	4	34	33	..	..	127	134
Western Australia ..	38	32	6	4	21	16	..	..	65	52
Tasmania	27	20	14	7	19	14	..	..	60	41
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northern Territory ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tropical	..	..	7	3	17	7	..	..	24	10
Non Tropical ..	659	636	147	167	417	266	..	..	1,223	1,069
Australia.. ..	659	636	154	170	434	273	..	..	1,247	1,079

(a) Including 10 blind deaf-mutes. (b) Including 3 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Including 6 blind deaf-mutes.

4. AUSTRALIA.—BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES in each State and Territory classified according to AGE at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Age Group.	New South Wales.		Victoria.		Queensland.		South Australia.		Western Australia.		Tasmania.		Federal Capital Territory.		Northern Territory.		Australia.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Blind.																		
0–4	a 9	7	2	6	2	5	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	a 15	19
5–9	b17	a 9	5	5	2	2	3	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	b 31	a 18
10–14	15	16	14	18	13	9	3	2	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	55	45
15–19	a26	17	13	19	7	12	5	3	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	a 55	52
20–24	21	15	11	11	9	9	5	1	3	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	51	39
25–29	24	10	20	6	a11	a 7	8	4	4	5	2	3	..	..	1	..	a 70	a 35
30–34	a28	a19	19	9	14	8	10	7	8	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	a 81	a 48
35–39	36	20	33	11	16	10	11	8	9	5	6	2	..	..	..	..	111	56
40–44	56	20	46	21	24	16	7	12	9	4	7	2	..	..	..	..	149	75
45–49	60	24	44	28	20	9	20	6	12	3	4	5	..	1	..	..	160	76
50–54	57	35	37	a29	16	10	11	7	10	a 2	5	5	..	..	..	..	136	b 88
55–59	56	33	39	a28	18	15	17	a 6	16	7	12	12	..	..	..	..	158	b101
60–64	60	a39	51	39	20	19	a17	13	15	6	9	4	..	..	..	..	a172	a120
65–69	72	a58	46	65	25	22	21	18	18	10	4	4	..	..	..	..	186	a177
70–74	89	a71	76	63	25	29	25	20	14	6	8	6	..	..	1	..	238	a195
75–79	91	a74	56	67	38	24	29	22	25	6	9	12	..	..	..	..	248	a205
80–84	58	63	35	65	27	27	12	22	4	14	a 6	12	..	..	..	..	a142	203
85–89	41	30	19	27	12	14	5	16	9	4	2	8	..	..	..	..	88	99
90–94	6	20	6	9	8	2	2	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	24	36
95–99	2	5	..	5	1	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	16
100 and over ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Under 21 years of age	70	50	38	51	26	30	12	6	11	1	9	3	..	..	..	..	d166	a141
21 years of age and over	754	535	534	480	283	223	201	168	157	79	81	76	..	1	2	..	d2,012	e1,562
Not Stated ..	3	1	5	3	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	6
Total ..	827	586	577	534	311	254	213	175	169	80	90	79	..	1	2	..	2,189	1,709
Deaf and Dumb.																		
0–4	a 7	4	4	3	4	1	..	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	a 18	12
5–9	b57	a38	36	27	14	12	8	16	9	1	4	2	..	..	..	1	b128	a 97
10–14	56	33	33	31	20	23	12	16	10	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	134	111
15–19	a68	73	31	28	8	17	9	5	7	4	12	6	..	..	..	..	a135	133
20–24	49	49	29	21	20	6	14	15	2	6	4	1	..	..	..	..	118	98
25–29	44	25	27	19	a 9	a13	6	10	7	4	8	3	..	..	..	..	a101	a 74
30–34	a78	a62	28	32	19	14	16	21	10	9	4	6	..	..	..	..	a155	a144
35–39	44	27	11	20	..	5	7	8	6	4	1	4	..	..	..	..	80	68
40–44	31	28	27	18	9	9	10	9	4	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	84	72
45–49	28	24	13	14	10	8	8	5	1	5	2	5	..	..	..	..	62	61
50–54	29	18	11	a13	6	5	6	5	2	a 3	3	3	..	..	..	..	57	b 47
55–59	18	22	16	a18	12	6	16	a 4	4	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	70	b 53
60–64	15	a14	10	9	6	6	a 5	7	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	a 40	a 39
65–69	5	a 9	8	13	5	1	3	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	23	a 26
70–74	6	a11	6	9	5	1	4	4	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	25	a 26
75–79	2	a 4	5	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	a9
80–84	1	1	2	2	..	..	1	4	..	..	a 1	..	..	..	..	..	a 5	7
85–89	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Under 21 years of age	194	158	107	94	48	53	31	40	26	12	22	11	..	..	..	1	d428	a369
21 years of age and over	344	284	191	185	110	75	95	94	39	40	38	30	..	..	..	..	d817	e708
Not Stated ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Total ..	539	443	298	280	158	128	127	134	65	52	60	41	..	..	..	1	1,247	1,079

(a) Includes 1 blind deaf-mute. (b) Includes 2 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Includes 3 blind deaf-mutes. (d) Includes 4 blind deaf-mutes.
(e) Includes 10 blind deaf-mutes.

5. AUSTRALIA.—BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES classified according to BIRTHPLACE as recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Birthplace.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Australasia—				
Commonwealth of Australia—				
New South Wales ..	(c)553	(d)421	(c)496	(d)389
Victoria	445	(a)413	270	(a)276
Queensland	(a)168	(a)137	(a)141	(a)120
South Australia ..	(b)192	(a)146	(b)113	(a)109
Western Australia ..	50	(a) 31	41	(a) 39
Tasmania	111	87	68	55
Northern Territory ..	2	..	..	2
Australia (undefined) ..	(a) 23	20	(a) 13	11
Total, Australia ..	1,544	1,255	1,142	1,001
Papua	..	1	..	..
New Zealand	30	5	8	4
Total, Australasia ..	1,574	1,261	1,150	1,005
Europe—				
England	321	235	52	47
Wales	9	10	1	2
Scotland	(a) 76	52	(a) 20	6
Ireland	81	94	8	3
Isle of Man	..	1	..	..
Channel Islands	2	1	..	..
Denmark	2	3	..	..
Germany	35	20	4	4
Greece	6	..	..	..
Italy	6	2	2	4
Poland	4	..	1	..
Russia	5	4	..	2
Sweden	6	1	..	..
Europe—*continued.*				
Other Countries in Europe ..	12	4	..	1
Total, Europe ..	565	427	88	69
Asia—				
British India	12	3	..	..
China	15	..	2	..
Other Countries in Asia ..	5	4	..	..
Total, Asia	32	7	2	..
Africa—				
South African Union ..	..	(a) 3	2	(a) 3
Other Countries in Africa ..	1	..	..	1
Total, Africa ..	1	3	2	4
America—				
Canada	4	3	1	..
United States of America ..	3	1	2	..
Other Countries in America	2	2	..	..
Total, America ..	9	6	3	..
Polynesia	5	1	1	1
At Sea	3	4	1	..
Grand Total ..	2,189	1,709	1,247	1,079

(a) Includes 1 blind deaf-mute. (b) Includes 2 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Includes 3 blind deaf-mutes. (d) Includes 6 blind deaf-mutes.

6. AUSTRALIA.—BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES classified according to RACE as recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Race.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Full-blood.				
European	a2,148	b1,693	a1,239	b1,072
Non-European—				
Chinese	15	3	1	..
Indian (c)	7	1	1	..
Other	6	4	..	2
Total, Non-European ..	28	8	2	2
Half-Caste.				
Australian Aboriginal ..	9	8	5	4
Other	4	..	1	1
Total, Half-Caste ..	13	8	6	5
Grand Total ..	2,189	1,709	1,247	1,079

(a) Includes 8 blind deaf-mutes. (b) Includes 11 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Native of India.

7. AUSTRALIA.—(a) DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—Number of Blind Persons and Deaf-Mutes with Dependent Children under Sixteen Years of Age recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(b) GRADE of OCCUPATION.—Number of Blind Persons and Deaf-Mutes classified according to Grade of Occupation as recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Number of Dependent Children.	Number of Persons with Dependent Children.			
	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1	141	26	63	5
2	81	2	49	8
3	46	2	22	3
4	30	2	4	1
5	9	..	4	..
6	8	..	1	..
7	1	..	..	..
8	1	..	1	1
Total	317	32	144	18
Total Number of Dependent Children	669	44	277	42
Average Number of Dependent Children per Person with Dependent Children.	2.11	1.38	1.92	2.33

Grade of Occupation.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Employer	62	10	18	1
Working on Own Account ..	91	11	60	3
Wage or Salary Earning Group—				
Wage or Salary Earner ..	312	52	254	68
Apprenticed Wage Earner	6	..	8	1
Wage or Salary Earner employed Part Time ..	20	3	67	7
Unemployed	29	4	189	28
Total	367	59	518	104
Helper not receiving Wages or Salary	..	..	18	4
Grade not applicable(a) ..	b1,669	c1,629	b 633	c 967
Grade not stated	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	2,189	1,709	1,247	1,079

(a) Includes pensioners, persons of private means not in business, females engaged in home duties, scholars and other dependants. (b) Includes 8 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Includes 11 blind deaf-mutes.

8. AUSTRALIA.—(a) CONJUGAL CONDITION.—Blind Persons and Deaf-Mutes classified according to Conjugal Condition as recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.
(b) SCHOOLING.—Number of Blind Persons and Deaf-Mutes receiving instruction recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Conjugal Condition.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Never Married—				
Under 15 years of age ..	(c) 101	(a) 82	(c) 280	(a) 220
15 years of age and over ..	(d) 707	(e) 536	(d) 613	(a) 549
Total	808	618	893	769
Married	(a) 1,001	(b) 420	(a) 297	(b) 246
Widowed	354	(a) 651	46	(a) 51
Divorced	13	7	1	3
Not Stated	13	13	10	10
Grand Total ..	2,189	1,709	1,247	1,079

Receiving Instruction at—	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Government School ..	47	45	146	130
Private School	(a) 19	3	(a) 120	104
University	1	..	..	..
Home	(a) 9	7	(a) 11	4
Total	76	55	277	238

(a) Includes 1 blind deaf-mute. (b) Includes 2 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Includes 3 blind deaf-mutes. (d) Includes 4 blind deaf-mutes.
(e) Includes 7 blind deaf-mutes.

9. AUSTRALIA.—BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES classified according to INDUSTRY as recorded at the Census of the 30th June, 1933.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals.)

Industry.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Fishing and Trapping ..	..	..	5	..
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying—				
Wheat farming ..	5	3	11	..
Fruit growing	..	..	8	..
Other agricultural farming	2	..	11	1
Farming, mixed or undefined	29	2	45	..
Grazing (mainly sheep) ..	12	2	5	..
Grazing, n.e.i.	6	..	3	..
Dairy farming	13	..	25	1
Other	2	..	9	..
Total	69	7	117	2
Forestry	1	..	12	..
Mining and Quarrying ..	1	..	10	..
Industrial—				
Manufacture relating to—				
Glass	..	..	6	..
Chemicals, &c.	..	..	3	..
Animal and vegetable products	1	..	1	1
Iron, steel, &c.	1	..	11	..
Tin plate and sheet metal	..	..	5	..
Horse vehicles	..	..	4	..
Motor vehicles	..	..	11	..
Jewellery, &c.	..	..	1	..
Textile and fibrous materials (not dress)	5	..	6	3
Articles of dress—				
Tailoring	..	..	11	7
Clothing	..	..	2	6
Dressmaking ..	..	..	1	13
Boot and shoe making	1	..	27	1
Boot and shoe repairing	..	..	25	..
Rubber goods and leatherware	..	..	4	1
Bread making	1	..	7	..
Drink	..	..	4	..
Tobacco	..	..	1	..
Cabinet and furniture making	5	4	50	..
Bedding, mattress (not wire) making and upholstering	2	..	5	..
Joinery, sash and door making; sawmilling (other than forest) ..	..	..	5	..
Basket and wickerware (including sea grass) ..	101	4	9	..
Broom and brush making..	84	30	9	..
Linoleum, matting making	74	..	2	..
General printing ..	1	..	6	2
Musical instrument making (including parts) ..	13	..	2	..
Other miscellaneous ..	8	2	57	14
Total	297	40	275	48

Industry.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Construction and Repair of Buildings—				
Carpentering ..	..	..	17	..
Other	1	..	5	..
Construction and Repair of Roads, Railways, Earthworks, &c.—				
Construction and maintenance of roads ..	..	..	7	..
Labourers (industry undefined)	8	..	55	..
Other	..	..	5	..
Gas, Water, Electricity and Power (Production and Supply)	..	..	2	..
Total, Industrial ..	306	40	366	48
Transport and Communication—				
Land transport	..	..	3	..
Water transport	..	..	2	..
Total	..	..	5	..
Commerce and Finance—				
Property and finance ..	2	1	..	1
Commerce—				
Dealing in—				
Groceries and provisions	11	..	3	..
Dairy products ..	1	..	4	..
Books, newspapers, paper and stationery ..	6	..	2	..
Hawking and street selling	6	..	5	..
Other and undefined dealing	27	6	22	3
Total	53	7	36	4
Legal profession in public practice (including law clerks, students, &c.)	5	..	..	..
Religion and Social Welfare—				
Benevolent institutions (other than hospitals)	27	4	23	8
Other	3	1	1	..
Total	30	5	24	8
Health	4	..	6	5
Education	10	10	1	..
Other Professional, &c.—				
Music, literature, painting, sculpture	14	..	1	..
Secretaries and organizers ..	2	..	7	..
Other	1	..	1	..
Total	17	..	9	..
Total, Public Administration and Professional	66	15	40	13

9. AUSTRALIA—BLIND PERSONS and DEAF-MUTES classified according to INDUSTRY—*continued.*

INDUSTRY.	Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Entertainment, Sport and Recreation	9	..	2	..
Personal and Domestic Service—				
Private domestic service ..	..	3	3	31
Boarding houses	1	6	..	..
Other	..	..	10	9
Total	1	9	13	40
No Industry or Industry not stated—				
Pensioner	(a)1,047	(b) 843	(a) 132	(b) 165
Independent	116	114	17	11
No Industry—Persons aged 16 years and over ..	257	4	114	4
Industry not specified—Persons aged 16 years and over	8	..	10	5
Total	1,428	961	273	185
Dependants on Public or Private Support—				
Dependent on hosts or natural guardians (includes wives and children under age 16 unless occupation is shown) ..	(a) 84	(b) 561	(a) 160	(b) 583
Inmates of hospitals, orphanages or other benevolent institutions..	171	(c) 109	207	(c) 204
Other	..	..	1	..
Total	255	670	368	787
GRAND TOTAL ..	2,189	1,709	1,247	1,079

(a) Including 4 blind deaf-mutes. (b) Including 5 blind deaf-mutes. (c) Including 1 blind deaf-mute.

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